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Belfast Lough is known in Irish as Loch Lao, which was Anglicised as 'Lough Lee'. Earlier spellings include Loch Laoigh and Loch Laigh. It is believed that the lough and river were named after a "bovine goddess".

In the 2nd century, the Greek geographer Ptolemy referred to it as the Logia.

Before Belfast grew into a city, the lough was known in English as 'Carrickfergus Bay'. In the early 20th century Belfast led the way in industry with rope works, linen mills and tobacco factories supplying the world. Ship building was reaching a peak and in 1909 there were over 15,000 workers working in Harland and Wolff, the world's greatest shipbuilders.

They had a dream to build the largest and most luxurious ships for shipping giant, White Star Line on the trans-Atlantic route. The grandest of all these ships was the RMS Titanic which in 1912 set sail out of Belfast Lough to embark on her maiden voyage.

Welcome to The Lough Bar

Cocktails

Culloden Mint Mojito **£14**

Prohibition and Havana's rise as America's favourite offshore cocktail lounge, the Mojito migrated from the farms to working class beaches around the Cuban capital and then marched inland. A long way from the fields of Cuba and the cheap Rum the farmers used, it was mixed with Lime and Mint to make it even better.

- Bacardi Superior, Culloden Mint, Lime, Sugar, Soda Water

Italian Gin Fizz **£16**

A great mix of Italian Prosecco with the freshness of Elderflower and Gin.

- Jawbox Small Batch Gin, Elderflower Cordial, Prosecco

Champagne Cocktail **£20**

A twist on the classic Champagne Cocktail, the taste of Strawberry and Elderflower combined with Veuve Clicquot Champagne will tantalise your taste buds.

- Strawberry Liqueur, Elderflower, Veuve Clicquot

Shortcross Berry Bramble **£14**

The Bramble is the brainchild of Dick Bradsell; aka 'The Cocktail King'. This blackberry drink is arguably the most famous of his creations from his time at Fred's Blub Soho in the 1980's.

- Shortcross Gin, Chambord Liqueur, Lemon, Blackberries

Jawbox Gin Rickie **£14**

Gin Ricky was created at Shoemaker's in Washington D.C., a popular hangout spot for Congressmen. It was named after Colonel "Joe" Rickey, a lobbyist who died in 1903 and who was known for entertaining elected officials in the area lounges.

- Jawbox Small Batch Gin, Lime, Elderflower, Soda Water